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EDUCATION

University of Trieste Trieste, Italy
PhD International Relations April 2013

- **Areas of Specialization:** Geopolitics of Natural Gas, EU-Russian Energy Governance, Sino-Russian Natural Gas Cooperation
- **Dissertation:** “Energy Interdependencies between the European Union and Russia: Anything but Institutions?” Dissertation Chair: Professor Giorgio Osti

University of Trieste Trieste, Italy
Master of Arts *cum laude* October 2009
Major: Political Science and International Relations
Thesis: “Governing Economic Crises: Central Banks and the Regulation of Financial Markets.”
Advisor: Professor Giuseppe Ieraci

University of Trieste Trieste, Italy
Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* December 2006
Major: International Relations
Thesis: “Croatia and the European Union: The Process of Integration.”
Advisor: Professor Daniel Spizzo

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Appointments Cambridge (MA), USA
Postdoctoral Fellow at the Geopolitics of Energy Project, Belfer Center September 2013 - present
Project: research on the prospects of the Sino-Russian natural gas trade

Fellow at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies October 2011 – June 2013
Advisor: Professor Rawi Abdelal, Harvard Business School (HBS)
Project: research on the EU-Russian Energy Governance

- Collaborated with Professor Rawi Abdelal to investigate the causal pathways between the influence of the corporate sector and the deadlock in the EU-Russian energy governance. Publication forthcoming.

FIELD RESEARCH

Visiting Scholar, Department of International Politics, Peking University, Beijing, 2013

Visiting Scholar, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 2013

- Conducted dozens of interviews with Chinese and Russian energy experts, including interviewees in the government and private sectors.

Graduate Researcher Brussels (Belgium), Italy and Slovenia
Dissertation fieldwork May-July 2012

- Gathered and analyzed original data on EU-Russian energy interdependence; conducted more than 50 in-depth interviews with officials and political observers (i.e., scholars, journalists, and political analysts).

Summer Course in Diplomatic Discourse

- Exchange Program

Westminster University, London (UK)

July 5-July 23, 2010

Eckerd College, “ISEP” Program

- Semester abroad with a focus on Environmental studies

S. Petersburg (Florida) USA

January-June 2009

Summer language program in France

- Spent six weeks learning French with immersion in French culture

Nice (France)

Summer 2006

Research analyst - Italian-Greek Chamber of Commerce

Thessaloniki (Greece)

January-June 2007

HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Belfer Center Postdoctoral Fellowship	2013–
Marie Curie Grant – for Research in China and Russia	2013
Prize for best dissertation, Department of Government, University of Trieste	2013
Davis Center Research Fellowship	2011-2013
Alexander von Humboldt – Research Grant for Research in Germany	2012
International University Institute for European Studies, Research Grant	2010
University of Trieste, Scholarship	2003-2009
Move – Research Grant for research in Greece	2007
Foreign Language Grant for study in France	2006

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS I (professional associations)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	New Orleans, September 2012
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies	New Orleans, November 2012
20th International Conference of Europeanists	Amsterdam, June 25-27, 2013
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies	Boston, November 2013
International Studies Association Annual Meeting	March 2014; February 2015

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS II (recent invited lectures, presentations, and specialized conferences)

Presented a study on “*Natural gas scenarios to 2030 – EU perspectives*” at the 'Scenario work on Eurasian gas 2030' at Columbia University, New York City, USA – December 2, December 3, 2010.

Actively contributed to scenario discussions at the 2011 BP/HKS Symposium on *Energy, Security and Climate Policy* at the Harvard Kennedy School – November 3 and 4, 2011.

Took part in the Post-Communist Politics and Economics Workshop and presented the paper “*European Union and Russia – story of flawed cooperation*,” Harvard University, February 27, 2012.

Presented “*The subsidization issue and the waning importance of Ukraine as a key Transit gate to Europe*,” within the Energy Colloquia at the Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, Bremen, Germany, May 2012.

Actively contributed to scenario discussions at the 2013 BP/HKS Symposium on *Energy, Security and Climate Policy* at the Harvard Kennedy School – November 14 and 15, 2013.

Presented a paper at the first edition of *The EU and Emerging Powers*, International Conference, 29-30 April 2013, European Parliament, Brussels.

Presented at *The Eighth Annual Eurasian Pipelines Colloquium “Beijing's March Westward: Eurasian Energy Pipelines and China*,” April 1, 2014. Columbia, Harriman Institute.

Organized and Presented at the Workshop on *The Changing Sino-Russia Natural Gas Partnership: Breakthrough on the horizon?* April 25, 2014, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington DC.

Took part in the Workshop on *Russia, Europe and Energy*, June 2, 2014, Council on Foreign Relations, New York.

Presented at *China's International Energy Cooperation Forum* during the APEC Energy Ministerial Summit in Beijing, September 4-5, 2014.

Presented at the Conference on *New perspectives on Sino-Russian Relations* at the Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo, September 22-23, 2014

Organized and Presented at the Workshop on *Sino-Russian Energy Relations: Driving Factors and Key Implications* April 8, 2015, Columbia, Center on Global Energy Policy.

Took part in the *2nd Annual Junior Scholar Research Symposium* at USC Dornsife, April 24, 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Articles and Chapters

"Booming Synergies in Sino-Russian Natural Gas Partnership." White Paper, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, May 2014.

"EU-Russia Cooperation in a rapidly changing interregional gas market." Journal of Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment, issue 3 (December 2013).

With Nadiya Kravets "The Russian Federation's Energy Diplomacy and its Influence on the Caucasus and Central Asia." in David Dyker, ed., *Energy, The World Scientific Reference on Globalisation in Eurasia and the Pacific Rim*, Imperial College Press/World Scientific, London 2013.

"Italy's path to gas liberalization: corporate power, monopoly distortions and the Russia factor." (2015, April), Journal of Contemporary Italian Politics

"The Sino-Russian Gas Partnership: Explaining the May 2014 Breakthrough." White Paper, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, November 2014.

"Climate Policy According to Gazprom." Essay, openDemocracy, February 6, 2015

"Invisible but not Indivisible: Russia, the European Union, and the Importance of "Hidden Governance," Forthcoming, Energy Research and Social Science Journal

"The Ukraine Crisis: The Neglected Gas Factor," Orbis, Summer Edition

Cases

With Rawi Abdelal and Sogomon Tarontsi, "The Sino-Russian Rapprochement: Energy Relations in a New Era." Harvard Business School Case 715-016, March 2015.

With Andreas Goldthau, *"Europe's ailing gas demand and Russia's changing priorities: Playing Hardball or Farewell to Europe?"* Harvard Kennedy School case (forthcoming).

Commentaries

"Russia's Gas Pact with China Not About Ukraine." Op-ed in The Moscow Times, May 26, 2014.

"EU Must Resist Temptation of Energy Union." Op-ed in The Moscow Times, October 29, 2014.

"Putin's Asian Strategy 2015." Commentary, The National Bureau of Asian Research, December 2014.

"China Can't Solve Russia's Energy Technology Trap." Op-ed in The Diplomat, February 13, 2015.

Work in Progress

“Energy Interdependencies between the European Union and Russia: Anything but Institutions?”
Book manuscript in preparation.

“The geopolitics and economics of energy.” In *New perspectives on Sino-Russian Relations*, ed. Jo Inge Bekkevold and Bobo Lo

TEACHING

- Introduction to International Relations (University of Trieste, undergraduate core course)
- The Geopolitics of Energy (mini-course, Peking University, School of International Studies, Beijing, July-August 2013)
- Teaching Fellow for *Russian Politics in Transition* taught by Timothy Colton. Harvard University, 2013, 2014, 2015.

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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| • University of Massachusetts Lowell | December 2014 |
| • Brandeis University | February 2015 |
| • Mount Holyoke College | April 2015 |

LANGUAGES

- Fluent: Italian (native), English, French, Russian
- Advanced: Spanish
- Beginner: German, Greek

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, R, SPSS, ECDL Certificate (European Computer Driving License), Proficient in Microsoft Office Package

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member: American Political Science Association (APSA)

Member: International Studies Association (ISA)

Member: The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)

Vice-President: Harvard Italian Society

REFERENCES

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